

# THE FALL OF MAN

Who would save?

## The penalty of Sin is DEATH

- The Lord had warned Adam clearly about eating from this particular tree.
- The expectation was the penalty of death!
- However, when the Lord spoke to the Serpent just after the fall, something strange was mentioned!

**“And I will put enmity  
Between you and the woman,  
And between your seed and her Seed;  
He shall bruise your head,”** Genesis 3:15

- Who will bruise the Serpent’s head? Actually in other translations “Crush”



## God makes a covenant with Abraham

**“ The LORD had said to Abram, “Go from your country, your people and your father’s household to the land I will show you.**

**2 “I will make you a great nation;  
I will bless you**

**And make your name great;  
And you shall be a blessing.**

**3 I will bless those who bless you,  
And I will curse him who curses you;  
And in you all the families of the earth  
shall be blessed.”** Genesis 12:1-3

• Well, it is understandable that God blessed Abraham but how all the people of the earth will be blessed in Abraham?



## God confirms His covenant with Abraham

- The Lord asked Abraham to offer Isaac, his beloved son, as a burnt offering. We all know the story and how Abraham obeyed the voice of the Lord.
- Then, the Lord renewed His covenant with Abraham. Again, the Lord confirmed the blessings for all the world, not just Jews, through Abraham's seed.

**“In your seed all the nations of the earth shall be blessed, because you have obeyed My voice.”** Genesis 22:18



# Jacob blesses his sons and prophesied about each of them

- Decades after Abraham died, the tribes of Israel, Jacob's 12 sons and their families, lived in Egypt. Jacob also moved there.
- When Jacob came to die, he gathered his 12 sons and started blessing them and saying prophecies about each of them.
- He came to Judah, the fourth son, and blessed him in a strange way, different than the rest. Judah wasn't even his firstborn!

**“The scepter shall not depart from Judah,  
Nor a lawgiver from between his feet,  
Until Shiloh comes;  
And to Him shall be the obedience of the people.”** Genesis 49:10

- Who is that person, that would come from Judah's seed that is a law giver and all nations would obey? Who is Shiloh?



## Jacob blesses his sons and prophesied about each of them

· Not just that, but the verses prior concerning the same prophecy, Jacob gave a unique description to Judah. A description that was repeated 1600 years later in Revelation!

**“Judah is a lion’s whelp;  
From the prey, my son, you have gone up.  
He bows down, he lies down as a lion;  
And as a lion, who shall rouse him?”**

Genesis 49: 9. A lion!!!

**“<sup>5</sup> But one of the elders said to me, “Do not weep. Behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has prevailed to open the scroll and to loose its seven seals.”**

**<sup>6</sup> And I looked, and behold, in the midst of the throne and of the four living creatures, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as though it had been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent out into all the earth. <sup>7</sup> Then He came and took the scroll out of the right hand of Him who sat on the throne.” Revelation 5.**

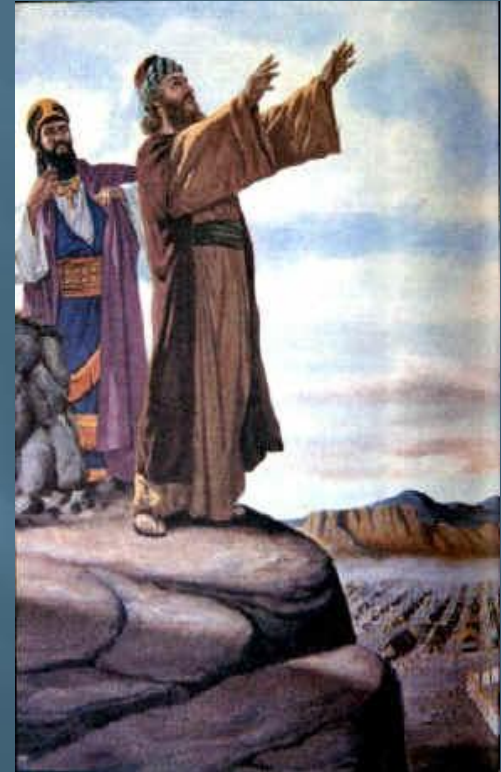


## Balaam

- Long years after as the Israelites travelling to Promised Land, a king called Balak thought about hiring a prophet, his name was Balaam, to curse the Israelites. Balak thought that would be the only way to stop this unbeatable people from invading his country.
- For Balak's disappointment, Balaam could not do it and instead the spirit of God instructed him differently. Balaam said a strange prophesy well beyond the expected battle!

***"The utterance of Balaam the son of Beor,  
And the utterance of the man whose eyes are opened;  
16 The utterance of him who hears the words of God,  
And has the knowledge of the Most High,  
Who sees the vision of the Almighty,  
Who falls down, with eyes wide open:  
17 "I see Him, but not now;  
I behold Him, but not near;  
A Star shall come out of Jacob;  
A Scepter shall rise out of Israel," Numbers 24:15-17***

- Who is the Star? Sounds a bit like wise men business!



## Isaiah the prophet

• There is none of the Old Testament prophets gave explicit details of Jesus' birth, life and passion like Isaiah to the degree that Bible scholars call it the "Fifth Gospel".

**"<sup>14</sup> Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel. <sup>15</sup> Curds and honey He shall eat, that He may know to refuse the evil and choose the good."** Isaiah 7

**"For unto us a Child is born,  
Unto us a Son is given;  
And the government will be upon His shoulder.  
And His name will be called  
Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God,  
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.  
<sup>7</sup> Of the increase of His government and peace  
There will be no end,  
Upon the throne of David and over His kingdom,  
To order it and establish it with judgment and justice  
From that time forward, even forever.  
The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this."** Isaiah 9





## Micha The prophet

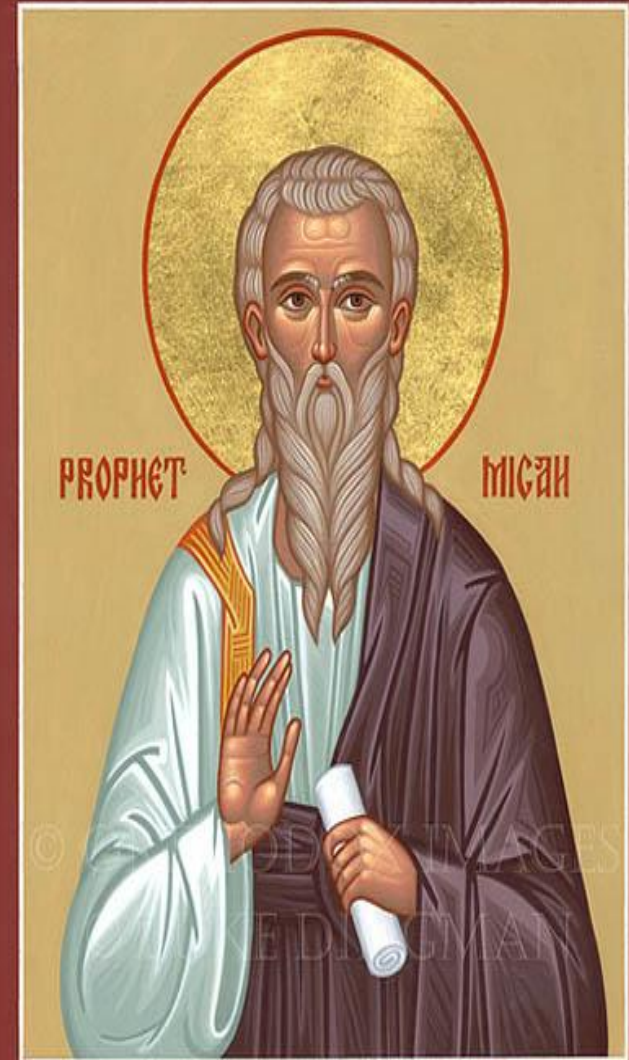
• This is a very famous prophecy about the birth of Jesus in Bethlehem. It was the one that directed Herod to where the born king is and eventually killed all the children there of 2 years of age and younger. However, reading the full text of the prophecy gives amazing details of the coming of Christ!

**“But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah,  
Though you are little among the thousands of Judah,  
Yet out of you shall come forth to Me  
The One to be Ruler in Israel,  
Whose goings forth *are* from of old,  
From everlasting.”**

**<sup>3</sup> Therefore He shall give them up,  
Until the time *that* she who is in labor has given birth;  
Then the remnant of His brethren  
Shall return to the children of Israel.**

**<sup>4</sup> And He shall stand and feed *His flock*  
In the strength of the LORD,  
In the majesty of the name of the LORD His God;  
And they shall abide,  
For now He shall be great  
To the ends of the earth;**

**<sup>5</sup> And this *One* shall be peace.”** Micha 5



# The massacre of Bethlehem foretold by Jeremiah the prophet some 500 years prior!

**“Thus says the LORD:**

**“A voice was heard in Ramah,  
Lamentation *and* bitter weeping,  
Rachel weeping for her children,  
Refusing to be comforted for her children,  
Because they *are* no more.”** Jeremiah 31:15

• But the verse after is full of comfort, talks about the salvation, the return of these dead children spirits from Hades to paradise, their return from the land of their enemy, the devil.

**“Thus says the LORD:**

**“Refrain your voice from weeping,  
And your eyes from tears;  
For your work shall be rewarded, says the LORD,  
And they shall come back from the land of the enemy.  
<sup>17</sup> There is hope in your future, says the LORD,  
That *your* children shall come back to their own border.”**

Jeremiah 31:16-17



So, over one thousand years, the Lord had sent myriads of messages to His people. Messages full of hope and promises for their salvation.

A promise that Man whom He created fell in sin and rewarded death will be saved.

God's creation will never go to waste. Man would not perish. Even if the price is His only Son!

*“But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons.”*

*Galatians 4:4-5*



**Merry  
Christmas**

**And**

**Happy salvation**